



Thanks to all the volunteers!

Becket Keys Church of England School hosted its third and final Open Evening yesterday. We welcomed over 250 families in what was a very busy evening!

It would not have been possible without the willing volunteers from Year 7 and Year 8 who gave up yet another evening to come along and assist with tours and explanations in each department.

The feedback about our new school has been tremendous, but none more important than that which was given regarding our students. The boys and girls were all complimented on their uniform, their manners and their incredible knowledge of the school despite (for Year 7, at least) only having been with us for a matter of weeks.

Therefore our opening article in this week's newsletter is for them! **THANK YOU!** Your hard work and commitment to our school is hugely appreciated.

There will be one more OPEN MORNING on 22nd October (9:15am). This will not require any student ambassadors as it is during the school day.



Ambassadors welcoming visitors to school

A note from the head teacher

I would like to draw your attention to the advert on Page 4 of the newsletter for our parent workshops next week.

There is so much in the news at the moment about the dangers of the internet, I really think we need to meet to discuss how we can work together as a community of parents and teachers to protect the students. Please come to meet with Mr Hughes who will be leading this workshop.

We will also be hosting workshops about homework and target setting. These will also be led by senior leaders and I strongly recommend

you attending. Parents last year found these sessions very helpful.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome a member of the RET consultation team: Teresa Robinson. Teresa is a specialist mathematics advisor and will be offering some excellent insights as to how to support your son/daughter in this fantastic subject!

The workshops will last 30 minutes each and will be interactive and relaxed. Do come along, if you possibly can.

Andy Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

Charity Committee Update

Our charity committee meets every week with Mrs Ahlner to discuss ideas for charity fundraising.

Taking ideas from the student body, they discuss with Mrs Ahlner their ideas and develop the best ways to help the charities (locally, nationally and internationally) that we have chosen.

The group then undertake a great deal of work personally to raise money for charity. They also encourage their forms to get involved. Here is their latest update:

Change for Change

Our Change for Change collection in the bistro at break and lunchtimes is going well! So far students have donated over £100 in small change which will be added to our account with 'Lend with Care'. People in difficult circumstances in developing countries approach the charity for a loan to help them develop their business ideas and therefore become self sufficient. As they begin to make a profit, so they repay their loan and the whole process starts again with the money being lent to new people. The charity committee decides who they will lend their money to; currently we sponsor two individuals, both of whom have repaid about 50% of their loan to date. Once the money has been banked with 'Lend with Care' the committee will be deciding who next to sponsor. Thank you to every single student and member of staff who has donated to the collection to help raise such a fantastic amount.



Jump rope with heart!

Becket Keys Charity Committee is organising for every student to take part in a sponsored skip to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation and the school charities. Each student will take part in a sponsored skip to be held in PE lessons during the week of the 14th October. Students will have 2 minutes to do as many skips as they can, and will be sponsored per skip. If every student raises £5 then as a school we would raise £1800! Of this, 80% would go to the British Heart Foundation and 20% to our school charities. Sponsor forms will be given to every student by the end of this week, and they have a week to collect sponsorship before the week of the 14th October. Information about the collection of money will be given after the event. This will be our first ever sponsored event at Becket Keys, so let's make it a fantastic one!

Coming up in the next month:
voting for the school charities this
year, food bank collection for
Harvest Festival, operation
Christmas Child (start collecting
your shoe boxes!), the poppy
appeal, other fund raising events.
Watch this space!!



TRIP TO MADRID?



Year 8 Residential Trip to Spain Proposed

Last week we sent a letter to all parents to introduce the idea for a Year 8 residential trip to Madrid. We set out the details of the trip in the letter and are looking for a response from parents in terms of an expression of interest so that we can move forward with the school trip company we are dealing with.

So far over 95 parents have responded with a definite 'YES' which is very helpful. Thank you for this level of commitment.

The governors of the school will make the final decision of whether the trip goes ahead, but initial responses seem extremely positive.

Thank you!



SOW & GROW

We would like to thank Miss Armiger, mother of Jack Nicholls, who owns Sow and Grow Nursery in Ongar Road, Brentwood, for the kind donation of plants for the many raised beds outside the Bistro.

Mrs Hale and Miss Le Grand planted the flowers at the weekend. The winter pansies and heathers are in the Becket Keys colours of purple and gold! They look stunning and have improved the appearance of our courtyard area.



*Are you convinced your son/daughter is safe on line or when they play X-Box/
Playstation games?*

Do they use social networking sites? Twitter? Facebook?

Do they really know how to use their mobile phone sensibly? Do they hide their BBMs?

*Would you like to see your son/daughter making the most of the homework they are
set?*

Do you want to explore different ways of supporting your child's learning?

Are you ready for tutors to start giving you your child's targets?

**We are holding a parent workshop on all the above issues. This is scheduled for
Tuesday 8th October from 6.30pm to 8:50pm. It is open to all year 7 parents/carers
as well as any year 8 parents/carers who did not attend the workshops offered last
year (or wish to come again!).**

Refreshments will be provided from the Bistro halfway through the evening...

So please let us know if you are coming! office@becketkeys.org

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named.
Please contact reception to collect:

- 1 Nike trainer
- 4 pencil cases
- 1 silver padlock
- 1 pair of Clark's grey trainers
- 1 grey Gap fleece
- 1 wrestling Annual
- 1 black lunchbox
- 1 Gideon Bible
- A pack of HSBC receipts & car park vouchers
- 2 locker keys found near faces

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE – contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Grey jumper size 28"	£5
Purple reversible PE top size 26/28	£5
Skort size 22/24"	£5
Girls' Blazer size 28"	£10
Boys' Blazer size 32"	£10

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St Thomas' Church will be starting confirmation classes in October on Sunday afternoons. Students who are interested in being confirmed should speak to Mr Scott-Evans or Mrs Sharp to get more information.

LOCKERS

Students may access their lockers before school from 8:20am, during breaktime and for the first and last 10 minutes of lunch. If your son/daughter would like a locker please complete a form from the office. They are free of charge.

CAN YOU HELP TYE FIND HIS STUFF?

- Size 2 Cappa black lace up shoes (named)
- Black No Fear coat
- Goalie gloves (Sondice – white/blue/yellow)

These items were left in the boys' changing rooms overnight. They are no longer in school! **Take note!** You cannot leave items in the changing rooms – they are used extensively during the evenings and weekends by the local community.

Dates for your Diary

8th Oct	Parent Workshops Evening
10th Oct	Friends of Becket Keys first meeting at 7:30pm
22nd Oct	Additional Open Morning due to high demand from prospective parents
28th–1st Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
4th Nov	INSET Day – no school today!

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